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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6767 NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2011

BILL NUMBER: SB 404 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Elimination of Grand Juries.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Delph

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill abolishes the grand jury. It makes conforming amendments and repeals superseded provisions. It also makes technical corrections.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill is estimated to result in limited savings for counties using grand juries. Counties report limited use of grand jury expenses between 2008 and 2010. Over the past three years 20 or fewer counties reported spending money to reimburse persons who sat on grand juries.

Grand Jury Expenses 2008 through 2010				
	2008	2009	2010	3-Yr Avg
Reported Expenditures	\$43,627	\$41,760	\$24,725	\$36,704
Number of Counties	16	20	13	

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

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Local Agencies Affected: Prosecuting attorneys; trial courts with criminal jurisdiction.

Information Sources: Indiana Supreme Court.

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